

**Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal****Form F**

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Project Title: Porterville Irrigation District – Sun Pacific Farming Recharge Facility ProjectLead Agency: Porterville Irrigation District (PID)Contact Name: Sean Geivet, General ManagerEmail: sgeivet@ocsnet.net Phone Number: (559) 784-0716Project Location: Porterville, Tulare County  
*City* *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Please see attached Project Description.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Please see the attached MMRP.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

No known areas of controversy have been raised by the public or agencies. Potential impacts have been addressed to a less than significant level through the implementation of mitigation measures. Please see the attached MMRP.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

None

**PROJECT INFORMATION**  
**PORTERVILLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
**SUN PACIFIC FACILITY PROJECT**

**Project Location:**

The proposed Project is located in the Central San Joaquin Valley of California, in Porterville in Tulare County. The proposed Project will consist of water banking recharge facilities being constructed at two sites located near the city of Porterville. The Falconer site is located approximately 0.4-miles west of the city and the Los Robles site located approximately 1.3-miles northwest of the city.

**Falconer Site:** Avenue 152 runs along the south boundary of Area of Potential Effect (APE) with the Friant-Kern Canal on the west and the Tule River to the east with agricultural plots on all sides. T 21S, R27E, Section 30, SE ¼, T 21S R27E, Section 29, SW ¼. The APE is approximately 92 acres.

**Los Robles Site:** The north, south, east and west, and south sides of the APE borders along agricultural farmland plots. Avenue 168 runs along a portion of the APE to the east. Road 208 is approximately 0.60-miles west of APE. Highway 65 is approximately 2.5-miles east. T 21S, R27E, Section 18, E ½. The APE is approximately 53 acres.

**Project Description**

**Falconer East Banking Site:** The Project includes construction of approximately 78-acres of enhanced levees at the existing temporary recharge basins and construction of associated facilities on the former Falconer property, east of the Friant-Kern Canal (FKC). The Falconer APE currently includes temporary recharge basins, three existing irrigation wells, and a temporary turnout from the FKC consisting of seven diesel suction pumps and appurtenant water pipelines. The Project specifically includes construction of:

- *78 acres of recharge basins to replace the existing temporary basins;*
- *3,600 linear feet of 15" pipelines, controls, and a check structure; and*
- *An overflow monitoring and alarm system to prevent overfilling of the recharge basins.*

**Los Robles Water Bank:** The Project area includes approximately 47 acres of existing recharge basins on the Los Robles property, along the Porter Slough Ditch, west of Los Robles Ave. The Project would use existing wells in the area to recover banked water back into local conveyances. The Project includes construction of a turn-out from the Porter Slough Ditch and new pipelines. The Los Robles property includes two existing turnouts from Ditch #2 to the existing irrigation system and wells and four existing irrigation wells. The Project specifically includes construction of:

- *A pump station and/or gravity turnout from the Porter Slough Ditch;*
- *Pipeline from the existing Ditch #2 turnout to the recharge basins;*
- *Pipelines, controls, and a check structure to enable delivery of recovered water back into the Porter Slough Ditch and Ditch #2 (total of 2,200 linear feet of 15" diameter pipe); and*
- *An overflow monitoring and alarm system to prevent overfilling of the recharge basins.*

# Chapter 4 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

This Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been formulated based upon the findings of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Porterville Irrigation District – Sun Pacific Farming Recharge Facility Project (Project) in Tulare County (County). The MMRP lists mitigation measures recommended in the IS/MND for the Proposed Project and identifies monitoring and reporting requirements.

**Table 4-1** presents the mitigation measures identified for the Proposed Project. Each mitigation measure is numbered with a symbol indicating the topical section to which it pertains, a hyphen, and the impact number. For example, BIO-2 would be the second mitigation measure identified in the Biological Resources Section of the IS/MND.

The first column of **Table 4-1** identifies the mitigation measure. The second column, entitled “When Monitoring is to Occur,” identifies the time the mitigation measure should be initiated. The third column, “Frequency of Monitoring,” identifies the frequency of the monitoring of the mitigation measure. The fourth column, “Agency Responsible for Monitoring,” names the party ultimately responsible for ensuring that the mitigation measure is implemented. The last columns (five and sixth) will be used by the District to ensure that individual mitigation measures have been complied with and monitored.

Table 4-1. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program					
Mitigation Measure/Condition of Approval	When Monitoring is to Occur	Frequency of Monitoring	Agency Responsible for Monitoring	Method to Verify Compliance	Verification of Compliance
<b>Biological Resources</b>					
<b>Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Project-Related Mortality and/or Disturbance of Nesting Raptors and Migratory Birds</b>					
<b>BIO-1a (Avoidance):</b> The Project's construction activities shall occur, if feasible, between September 1 and January 31 (outside of nesting bird season) in an effort to avoid impacts to nesting birds.	Prior to the start of construction		Porterville Irrigation District	Construction Period Records	
<b>BIO-1b (Pre-construction Surveys):</b> If activities must occur within nesting bird season (February 1 to August 31), a qualified biologist shall conduct pre-construction surveys for active nests within 30 days prior to the start of construction. The survey shall include the proposed work area and surrounding lands within 500 feet for all raptors and migratory birds, with the exception of the Swainson's hawk; the Swainson's hawk survey will extend to 0.5 mile outside of the work area boundaries. If no active nests are observed, no further mitigation is required. Nests containing eggs or young are to be considered "active," with the exception of raptors; raptor nests are considered "active" upon the nest-building stage.	Prior to the start of construction	One time at start of construction	Porterville Irrigation District	Submittal of a Report	
<b>BIO-1c (Establish Buffers):</b> On discovery of any active nests near work areas, the biologist shall determine appropriate construction setback distances based on applicable CDFW guidelines and/or the biology of the species in question. Construction buffers shall be identified with flagging, fencing, or other easily visible means, and shall be maintained until the biologist has determined that the nestlings have fledged.	During construction	Upon occurrence	Porterville Irrigation District	Submittal of a report upon occurrence	
<b>Mitigation Measure BIO-2: Project-Related Impacts to San Joaquin Kit Fox</b>					
<b>BIO-2a (Pre-construction Surveys):</b> Within 30 days prior to the start of construction, a pre-construction survey for San Joaquin kit fox shall be conducted on and within 200 feet of proposed work areas. If kit fox sign and potential dens are detected within or adjacent to the Project area, potential dens shall be monitored for a period of three consecutive nights with a remote-sensing camera and/or tracking medium.	Prior to the start of construction	One time at start of construction	Porterville Irrigation District	Submittal of a report	

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<b>BIO-2b (Den Destruction):</b> If there is no sign of kit fox activity at a den after monitoring with a remote-sensing camera and/or tracking medium for a period of three consecutive nights, the den will be closed, excavated, or destroyed to prevent subsequent use by a kit fox during construction activities. There will be no destruction of “known dens” without a take authorization/permit from USFWS and CDFW.	Prior to the start of construction	For three consecutive days upon occurrence	Porterville Irrigation District	Submittal of a report upon occurrence	
<b>BIO-2c (Incidental Take Permit):</b> If a known den or natal/pupping den is detected, the Project proponent will contact CDFW and USFWS to apply for an Incidental Take Permit (ITP).	Prior to the start of construction	Upon occurrence	Porterville Irrigation District		
<b>BIO-2d (Minimization):</b> The Project shall observe all minimization and protective measures from the Construction and On-Going Operational Requirements of the USFWS 2011 <i>Standardized Recommendations for Protection of the Endangered San Joaquin Kit Fox Prior to or During Ground Disturbance</i> , including, but not limited to: construction speed limits, covering of pipes, installation of escape structures, restriction of herbicide and rodenticide use, proper disposal of food items and trash, prohibition of pets and firearms, and completion of an employee education program.	During construction	Continuously	Porterville Irrigation District		
<b>BIO-2e (Mortality Reporting):</b> The Sacramento Field Office of USFWS and the Fresno Field Office of CDFW will be notified in writing within three working days in the case of the accidental death or injury to a San Joaquin kit fox during construction. Notification must include the date, time, and location of the incident and any other pertinent information.	In the event of mortality	Upon occurrence	Porterville Irrigation District	Submittal of a report upon occurrence	
Cultural Resources					
<b>Mitigation Measure CUL-1: Archaeological Resources</b>					
In the event that archaeological remains are encountered at any time during development or ground-moving activities within the entire project area, all work in the vicinity of the find shall halt until a qualified archaeologist can assess the discovery. The District shall implement all recommendations of the archaeologist necessary to avoid or reduce to a less than significant level potential impacts to cultural resource. Appropriate actions could include a Data Recovery Plan or preservation in place.	During construction	Upon occurrence	Porterville Irrigation District	Submittal of a report	

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No formal cemeteries or other places of human internment are known to exist on the Project site; however, in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 and Public Resource Code Section 5097.98, if human remains are uncovered, Mitigation Measure CUL-2 would be implemented.					
<b>Mitigation Measure CUL-2: Human Remains</b>					
If human remains are uncovered, or in any other case when human remains are discovered during construction, the Tulare County Coroner is to be notified to arrange their proper treatment and disposition. If the remains are identified—on the basis of archaeological context, age, cultural associations, or biological traits—as those of a Native American, California Health and Safety Code 7050.5 and Public Resource Code 5097.98 require that the coroner notify the NAHC within 24 hours of discovery. The NAHC will then identify the Most Likely Descendent who will determine the manner in which the remains are treated.	During construction	Upon occurrence	Tulare County Coroner	Submittal of a report upon occurrence	